DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION



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FAQ'S OF THE PAYNE MARYLAND PROJECT

1. Where can I find more information about the project?

The project web site is at: www.stpaul.gov/paynemarylandproject and will have regular updates on project status. At the web site you may subscribe to automatically receive project updates, and provide project input and feedback. Regular updates will also be given at meetings of the Payne-Phalen District 5 Planning Council Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) committee.

2. How has the community input affected design development?

The community has given the City input at the August 24 Schematic Design meeting, play area design on-line survey, targeted focus group meetings, and district council meetings; comments include:

- A. The exterior of the building; see current design plans.
- B. **Safety and security;** we will be providing good site lighting, security cameras inside and outside, building and site design with safety in mind.
- C. Community use spaces, adequate fields and parking; the design includes the Town Square plaza for community events, and balances the demands for various site uses and parking meeting City requirements; see current design plans.
- D. Provide spaces and programs that recognize age and cultural diversity, and provide many opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and education, as well as community-based uses; the design program will provide spaces for different age groups and use patterns and community needs, as well as education and meeting spaces.
- E. **Sustainable design;** design will be LEED certified, adding quality and low operating costs, and will include recycling facilities.
- F. **Program development and staffing;** staff training and program development planning are continuing, and staffing and volunteer involvement will be important to the East Side community.
- G. The play area design for different age groups, for excitement and fun, and minimize sand use; see current design plans.





3. What is the construction timeline?

The design team will begin construction document phase. Demolition, site preparation, and installation of the geothermal well field will begin in the spring, followed by construction and furnishing work for about 14 months, with building opening anticipated in the fall of 2013.



4. How will the construction be managed?

Project construction manager Kraus Anderson will have on-site management throughout construction. They will manage the contracts, control site access and security, implement local company and worker recruitment strategies, and provide project status updates. Businesses interested in involvement should contact Bridget O'Malley, 651-690-2366.

5. Where are there opportunities for community involvement?

Program planning is still underway, and the community will have lots of opportunity for input. We will be looking for community instructors and program volunteers. The community will also be involved in public art for this site, and in the future use of the existing library building.

6. What will happen with the Arlington Hills Library building?

The Library is on the National Register of Historic Places. The City will consult to determine all restrictions on sale and reuse, and then work with District 5 and interested community members to write a Request for Proposals which will be open to interested individuals, groups, and businesses who might want to acquire the building. In focus groups, we have asked participants for their ideas and we will include their replies with other information. Our plan is that work on this part of the project will begin in the first quarter of 2012.

7. What is the status of Phase 2 of the project?

The Payne Maryland Center will be built out in multiple phases. Phase I is being designed to readily accept and accommodate Phase II, which will provide program spaces to enable social and health services, education and literacy initiatives, performing arts and cultural activities, business and community meetings, and faith gatherings and celebrations. Phase II, managed by the non-profit, Payne Maryland Partnership, is still early in its development.

8. How will Phase 2 fit on the site?

The building will be constructed on the south side of Phase 1, with an access drive on the existing Rose Ave. alignment from Greenbrier, and parking on the south side of that.

9. What is the plan for recreation during construction?

Parks and Recreation is working with community partners to provide recreation activities in the neighborhood. As the plan is developed, opportunities will be clearly communicated.